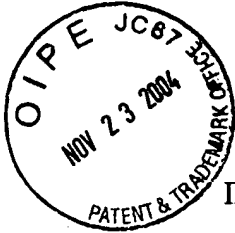


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims. Claims 1-32 were pending in the application. Claims 2-23 have been examined and stand rejected. Claims 1 and 24-32 are canceled by this amendment as drawn to non-elected inventions. We believe no fee is due for consideration of this response. If any fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.